Catching of fish by Foreign Chartered fishing Boats

2052. SHRI B. KRISHNA MOHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of foreign chartered fishing boats in India presently ; and

(b) what is the number of catches reported by them since August, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The number of foreign chartered fishing boats in operation in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone by the middle of November 1985 was 27.

(b) According to reports received by the Government since August, 1985, the total catch in respect of 5 vessels chartered by three companies who have completed the fishing voyage is 583·70 tons from one voyage each.

T. V. Coverage

2053. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the area of the country which has been covered by T. V. stations including main stations and relay stations so far; and

(b) by when the rest of the country is expected to be covered by T. V. stations/relay stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) TV service is, at present available to about 42% of the area of the country, covering roughly 65% of the population.

(b) With the completion of ongoing VI Plan schemes of Doordarshan for TV expansion and schemes proposed to be implemented during the VII Plan, TV service is expected to become available to about 80% of the country's population. Provision of TV service to the entire country would depend on the availability of financial resources during the future plans for TV expansion.

Production on edible oils

2054. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of edible oils of different types expected to be produced by the end of the current financial year ;

(b) whether the above production is likely to meet the needs of the country ; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to meet the shortages; if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P.SINGH DEO) : (a) Based on the target of oilseed production the quantity of edible oils of different types expected to be produced during oil year 1985-86 (November-October) is 38.75 Lakh tonnes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As a short term measure the deficit is met by imports. The long term measures taken by the Government to increase the production of oilseeds and oils are as follows :

(i) Implementation of the National oilseeds Development project

covering special project on groundnut, rapeseed/mustard, soyabean and sunflower, besides intensive development work on other oilseeds. The programme *inter-alia*, aims at the development of non-traditional oilseeds, increase in areas under irrigated crops particularly groundnut in rabi/summer season, basic inputs and free distribution of seed-*cum*-fertiliser mini kits on a large scale.

(ii) National Dairy Development Board's oilseeds projects : State level cooperative oilseeds growers' federation have been formed in seven State under the projects for restructuring of edible oils and oilseeds production and Marketing through National Dairy Development Board.

(iii) Better incentive to producers through fixation of minimum support prices.

(iv) Intensification of research efforts for increasing the productivity of oilseeds.

(v) Increase in area under non-traditional oilseeds crop like soyabean and sunflower and exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice barn etc.

(vi) Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.

Plans for sharing the water of the rivers among States

2055. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government have submitted plans regarding sharing water of Ganga, Cauvery and Narmada among themselves;

(b) if so, what are the names of the states that have submitted the plans;

(c) whether the plans have been discussed by the Central Government with the concerned States ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No specific plans for sharing of the waters of Ganga and Cauvery have been received from the concerned State Governments. The sharing of Narmada waters among the Basin States, has been settled by the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal in 1979 and no fresh plans are required to be submitted in this regard. The Cauvery river water dispute is under bilateral discussions between Karnataka and Tamilnadu.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

World Bank Assistance for Agriculture in Seventh Plan

2056. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has indicated that the level of financial assistance for agricultural production programme in the seventh Five Year Plan period is likely to be increased ;

(b) whether the Bank has also agreed to assist on the areas that are being accorded high level priority by the Indian Government dry-land farming water management in the Ganga basin and raising productivity in the Eastern Region ;

(c) whether the World Bank has approved the scheme in this regard prepared by the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the World Bank has agreed to provide the assistance to these projects?